

RE: Convoy Protest - QP Notes

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Updated lines for translation. See below.

What is public safety doing to clear out the convoy?

- Despite efforts to brand this convoy as being entirely peaceful, there have been a number of very troubling incidents over the past number of days
- We've seen businesses shut down, rampant ignoring of public health guidelines, vandalism of our national monuments, and the flagrant expression of hate
- And even this morning, we're hearing demonstrators are escalating confrontation
- These acts are not a celebration of freedom, they're an affront to it
- I want to assure Canadians that public safety partners are supporting Ottawa public police and our expectation is that demonstrators will follow the law, and where they do not, we expect that police will enforce as appropriate.

Police do not know how to de-escalate. Double standard as opposed to BIPOC demonstrations

- Acknowledge that demonstrations can get heated and that there be can be confrontation
- And law enforcement should always be the last resort
- And police are making every effort to de-escalate as much as possible
- But where there is violence, where the law is broken, we expect they will enforce the law appropriate

What about indigenous protests? Police rush to enforce injunctions. Why not here?

- We always expect law enforcement to carry itself professionally, and that includes when it involves indigenous protestors
- There are a variety of tools that are the disposal of law enforcement, including seeking injunctions, but those operational decisions are made independent of the elected government

- When it comes to the convoy, we expect demonstrators to follow the law. And where they don't police will enforce as required.

What are

- I want to assure Canadians that all branches within Public Safety are on the scene working with local police and have engaged the convoy demonstrators
- While we respect the right to peaceful protest, regrettably, there's also been significant disruption to local businesses and community organizers, vandalism of our national war monuments, and blatant expressions of hate and incitement to violence
- All members in this Chamber to denounce this conduct as an affront to our democracy
- Local police are taking steps to remove obstructions, clear routes and restore safe access to the downtown core and parliamentary precinct
- Federal public safety partners will support local police to ensure public safety

The convoy has caused chaos. What are you doing about ?

- We understand the concerns of local residents caused by the Convoy
- The impact to residents, residents, business owners, employees and community organizers has been significant.
- Federal public safety partners are working closely with Ottawa Public Police by
 - Providing additional resources and logistical support
 - Sharing intelligence
 - Supporting enforcement actions where necessary

- We will continue to support local police to ensure that local individuals can safely get to work, school and back home again.
- We will continue to take whatever steps are necessary to keep the protest peaceful, ensure safe access downtown, and that those participating in the demonstration abide by the law, and respect local residents.

Will people be charged for defacing and vandalizing monuments?

- Despite assurances by convoy organizers that the protest would be peaceful, there's been significant and harmful disruption to local businesses and community organizers, desecration of our national war monuments, and expressions of hate speech
- During the convoy, we've seen demonstrators wearing swastikas, flying the confederate flag, desecrating the war memorial and defacing the Terry Fox memorial.
- This isn't a celebration of our democracy. It's an affront to it.
- Canadians reject that kind of conduct, and so too should every member of this House.
- Federal public safety partners will support local police in bringing those to just

Other lines

- Our government will always support the right to peaceful protest in Canada – but we will also always condemn violence and threats.
- We are aware of the ongoing protest of truckers coming to the nation's capital and are monitoring the situation closely.
- The Parliamentary Protective Service and local police will respond to any issues as necessary, and our national law enforcement and security agencies are continuously monitoring potential threats.

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- Our government will always support the right to peaceful protest in Canada – but we will also always condemn violence and threats.
- We are deeply concerned about the small number of vocal extremists opposition that is polluting much of our political debate.
- ideologically motivated violent extremism is “our most deadly extremist threat.”
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